August 11, 2020

ATTENTION: Provider and Billing Professionals

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: HHS Medicaid Provider Relief Fund – How to Guide

South Dakota Medicaid is encouraging all Medicaid/CHIP providers to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Provider Relief Fund. HHS intends to distribute $15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. The deadline to apply for Provider Relief Funds is August 28, 2020.

In order to assist Medicaid and CHIP providers to complete the application for Provider Relief Funds the National Council for Behavioral Health has released the attached how to guide.

Provider Relief Funds will flow directly from the federal government to providers; neither South Dakota Medicaid nor the State of South Dakota are involved in the calculation or the distribution of the payments. South Dakota Medicaid encourages providers who have not received payments from previous relief distributions or who have questions about the Provider Relief Funds to review the HHS website for information on provider actions needed to receive a payment.